

Organizations

Acronym	Name	Description
FGDC	Federal Geographic Data Committee	An interagency committee that promotes the coordinated development, use, sharing, and dissemination of geospatial data on a national basis, established by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in 1990.
FWS	U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service	Federal agency in the Department of the Interior with the delegated responsibility for wetlands geospatial data under both the EWRA and OMB Circular A-16.
LCC	Landscape Conservation Cooperatives	Network of partnerships working in unison to ensure the sustainability of America's land, water, wildlife and cultural resources.
NRCS	Natural Resources Conservation Service	Department of Agriculture bureau that works in partnership with the American people to conserve and sustain natural resources on private lands. Maintains the national soils surveys (SSURGO) and the Plants Database.
NWI	National Wetlands Inventory	FWS program responsible to implement the Congressional requirement in the Emergency Wetlands Resources Act (EWRA) to map, digitize, and distribute wetlands data and to implement the requirement in OMB Circular A-16 to coordinate the acquisition, management, maintenance, and distribution of the Wetlands Layer of the National Spatial Data Infrastructure.
OMB	Office of Management and Budget	Whitehouse office that implements and enforces Presidential management, budget, and coordination policies. OMB is the management authority for OMB Circular A-16, Coordination of Geographic Information and Related Spatial Data Activities.

USACE	U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	The Corps of Engineers Wetlands Delineation Manual (Environmental Laboratory 1987) presents a short list of indicators of wetland hydrology that is used as part of a three-parameter test for wetland determination. The purpose of hydrology indicators is to provide evidence that the site has a current wetland hydrologic regime.
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